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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
Pinal Regional Partnership Council

Work Session Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2009

Call Work Session Meeting to Order

The Pinal Regional Partnership Council Work Session Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at The City of Apache Junction, Council Chambers, 300 E. Superstition Blvd., Apache Junction, AZ 85219.

Regional Council Chair Mezzio called the meeting to order at 1:19 PM.

Council Members in attendance:

Barbara Mezzio, Melanie O'Neil, Charity Russell, and Bryant Powell

Council Members in attendance via teleconference:

Kai Gerkey, Mary Allen, Christina Jenkins, and Mary Kyle

Council Members not in attendance:

Arnoldo Hernandez

First Things First Staff in attendance:

Marla Chamberlain, Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, and Carrie Loos

Public in attendance:

7 members of the public were present

June Regional Council Meeting Agenda Items

Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Regional Coordinator, Pinal Regional Partnership Council, reviewed the agenda items for the June Regional Council Meeting. The agenda items reviewed were: Discussion and possible award of Community-Based Professional Development Grant (FTF-RC019-10-0051-00), discussion and possible election or re-election of Chair & Vice Chair positions, regional Council meeting presentations, state and regional emergency response update & presentations, regional Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) update and discussion, strategy work group updates and discussion, and coordinator's report.

State and Regional Emergency Early Childhood Response Package Update and Discussion

- A. Expedited Family Support Vendor Selection Process/Grantees – Home Visitation – First Things First is currently discussing the contract with the suggested agency. First Things First anticipates a signed contract in the next two weeks. Once the contract is finalized, First Things First would like to provide a joint press release with the funded agency.
- B. Emergency Food Assistance – First Things First is currently discussing the contract with the suggested agency and asked for clarification on specific inquiries. The clarifications are currently

under review by First Things First and they anticipate a signed contract in the next two weeks. Once the contract is finalized, First Things First would like to provide a joint press release with the funded agency.

- C. Emergency Child Care Scholarships – The Pinal Regional Partnership Council Emergency Child Care Scholarships are currently being distributed to 10 child care centers in the Pinal region. A mass mailing regarding the scholarships was mailed to child care centers and home care centers in the Pinal region. The housing agency that will be distributing funds will be United Way Valley of the Sun.

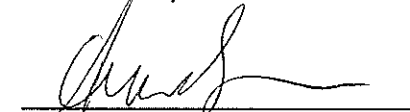
Overview of Request for Grant Application (RFGA) Process

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi gave an overview of the Request for Grant Application (RFGA) process. Copies of the handouts were distributed to the Council members and the public attendees. The action items were: RFGA process and timeline, RFGA selection review process (expedited versus RFGA process), role of the Council members regarding development of RFGAs, and conflict of interest.

Adjourn

Regional Council Chair Mezzio adjourned the Work Session Meeting at 1:45 PM.

Submitted By:



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Approved By:



Barbara Mezzio
Chair, Pinal Regional Partnership Council